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LIMITED
SERIES

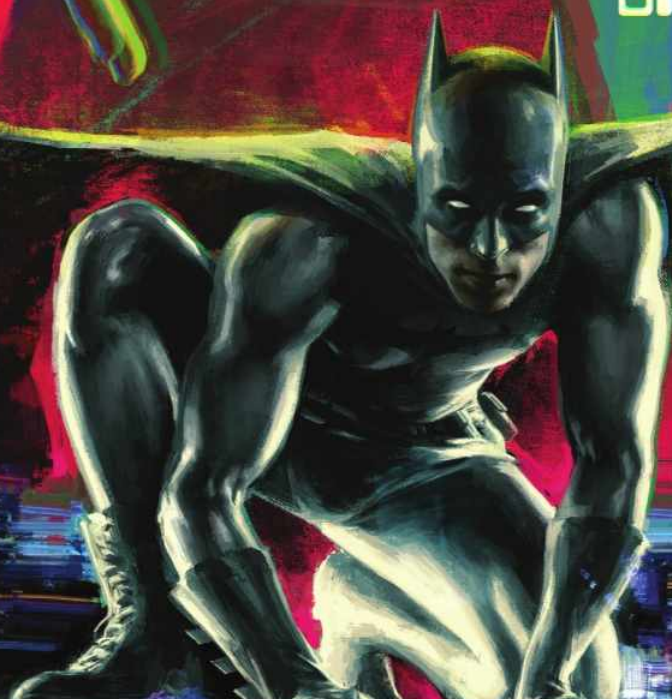
PRIEST
BARROWS
FERREIRA
HERMS

BLACK ADAM™

KAHNDAQ

GOTHAM

BATTLE
OF THE
BAT!



WHATEVER HAPPENED TO
THE WORLD'S FIRST SUPER-TEAM?

JUSTICE SOCIETY OF AMERICA

THEIR FIRST
SERIES IN MORE
THAN A DECADE!

WRITTEN BY
GEOFF JOHNS
MAKING HIS EPIC RETURN TO JSA

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MIKEL JANÍN
THE SUPERSTAR ARTIST OF
BATMAN AND SUPERMAN
AND THE AUTHORITY



YOU HAD NEVER
SEEN RAIN. YOU'D
HEARD OF IT, BUT
NEVER ACTUALLY
SEEN IT.



"FOR EVEN THOUGH A
MAN HAS NOT BEFORE
BEEN TOLD IT
HE CAN AT ONCE SEE,
IF HE HAVE SENSE...



"...THAT THAT
EGYPT TO WHICH
THE GREEKS SAIL IS
LAND ACQUIRED BY
THE EGYPTIANS...



"...GIVEN THEM
BY THE RIVER."
HERODOTUS,
BOOK II
CHAPTER FIVE.



"THE NILE...
A FORCE THAT
DESTROYED THE
CIVILIZATIONS
IT NURTURED.



"EN-NADDAHA
PULLS HER
VICTIMS INTO THE
NILE AND
DROWNS THEM.



"IS THAT WHAT
HAPPENED TO YOUR
FATHER, THEO? WHY HE
LEFT YOU 4,600
YEARS AGO...?"



"Aegyptiaca"

MEMPHIS,
EGYPT

26TH
CENTURY
B.C.E.

"LEFT YOU
AND YOUR MOTHER
WITH HIS DEBTS...?
WHY YOU BOTH
BECAME SLAVES?"



"REMEMBER
WHAT THEY DID
TO YOU. WHAT THEY
DID TO YOUR
MOTHER..."

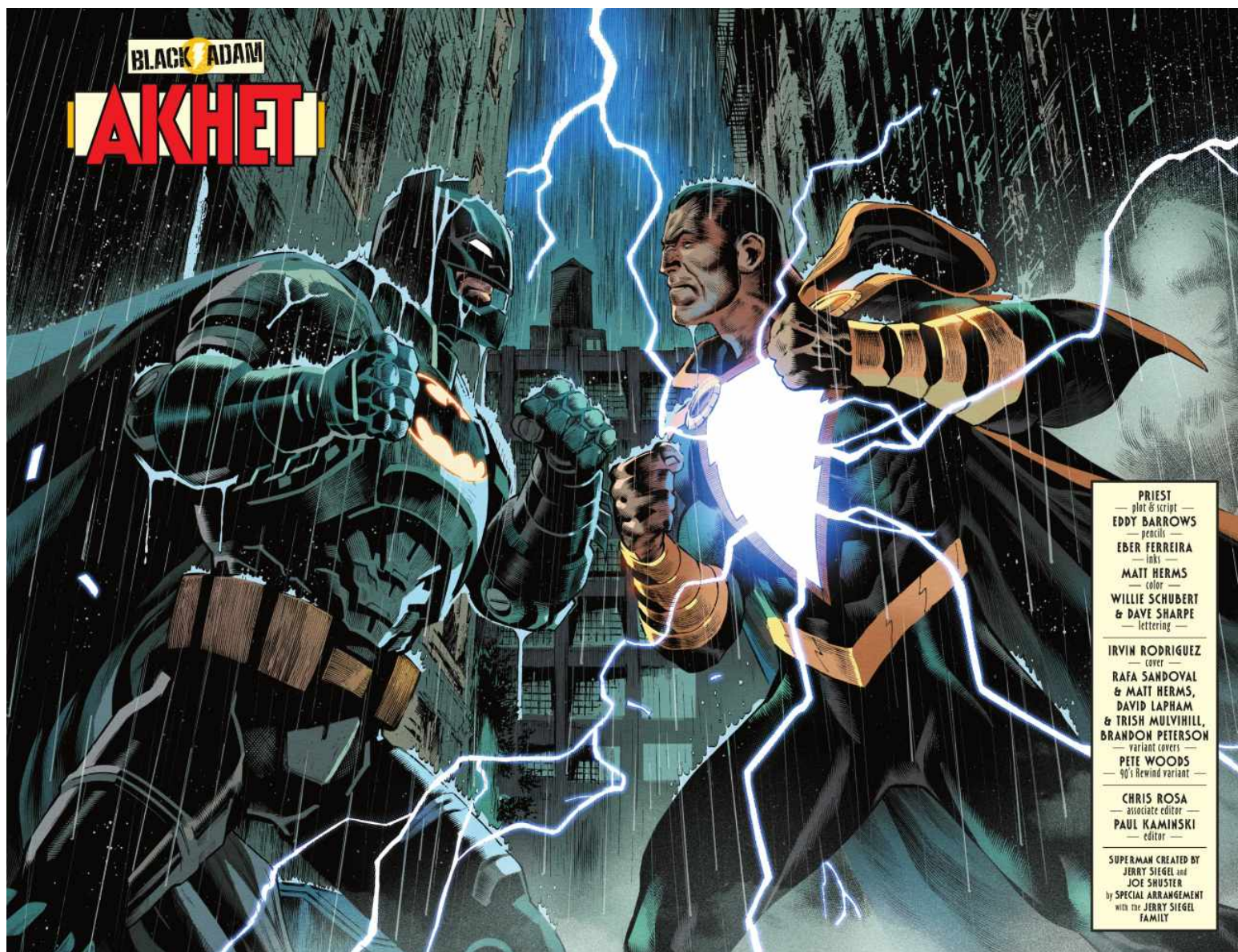


"DOES THE
RAIN EXPLAIN
THE BLACKNESS
INSIDE YOU,
THEO...?"



"GOOD.
LET'S
BEGIN..."





BLACK ADAM

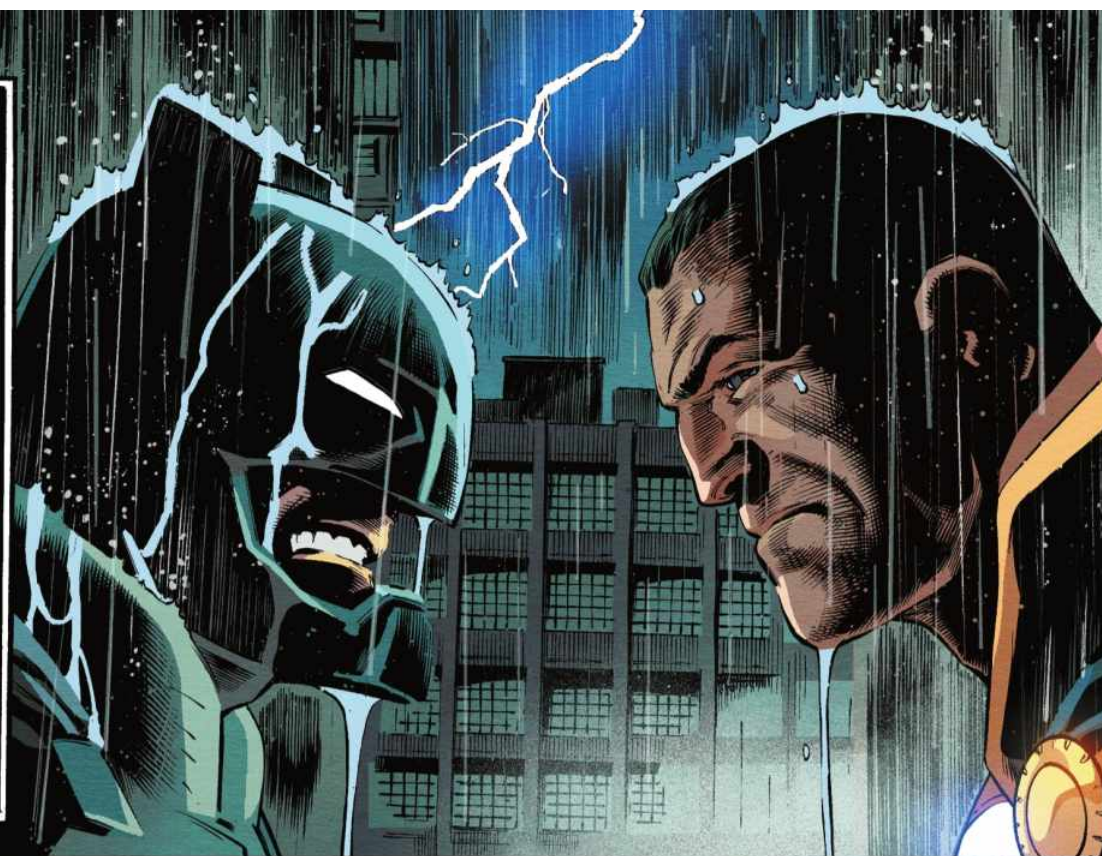
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NOW





SHAZAM!



WHAT ARE YOU UP TO...?

CALLING YOUR BLUFF.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS IS ABOUT...

...WHY YOU AMBUSHED ME OUTSIDE THE HOSPITAL, BUT SORRY--*



*LAST ISSUE.



--NO SALE. I'M NOT BUYING WHATEVER YOU'RE SELLING.

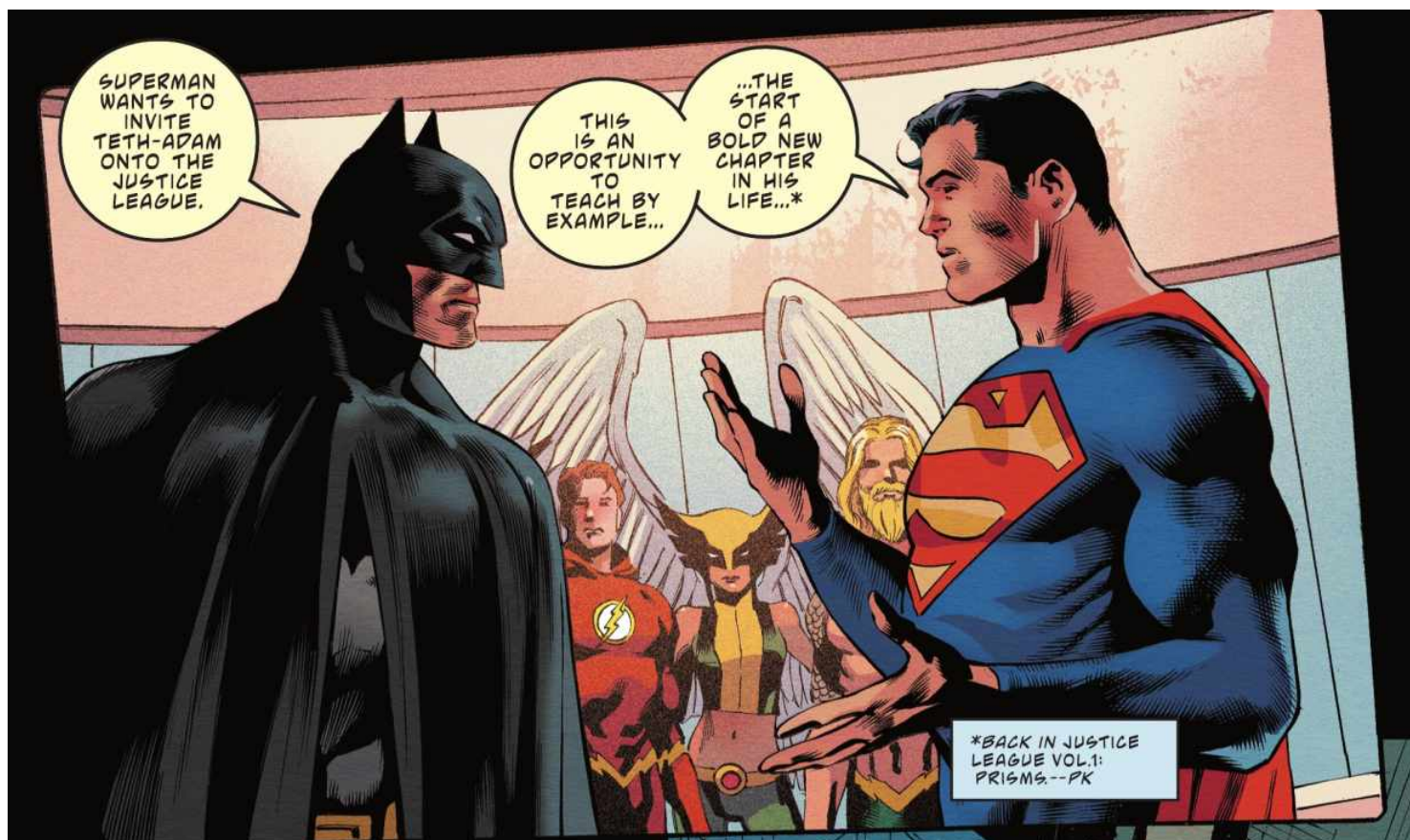
NOT A BLUFF, ADAM.

AND LONG OVERDUE.



IS IT?

THEN I SUPPOSE OUR "BOLD NEW CHAPTER" IS OVER...



SUPERMAN WANTS TO INVITE TETH-ADAM ONTO THE JUSTICE LEAGUE.

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEACH BY EXAMPLE...

...THE START OF A BOLD NEW CHAPTER IN HIS LIFE...*

*BACK IN JUSTICE LEAGUE VOL.1: PRISMS--PK



"TEACH BY EXAMPLE."

I AM A CHILD TO YOU?

YOU PEOPLE... ARE GOING TO "TEACH" ME. ME.

WASN'T MY IDEA.

THE SHEER ARROGANCE--

WHICH YOU ACCEPTED.

YOU TOOK OUR HAND. YOU ARE MY TEAM-MATE.*

*THIS ISSUE TAKES PLACE PRIOR TO JUSTICE LEAGUE #75 AND DARK CRISIS ON INFINITE EARTHS

YES, AND HERE WE ARE-- TEAM-MATES.

MY "TEAMMATE" FINANCING REBELLION IN KAHNDAQ-- MY COUNTRY.

FREEDOM IS NOT A NEGOTIATION, ADAM--

YOU IDIOT--



--YOU AND YOUR LEAGUE OF MARXISTS REALLY DO BELIEVE IT'S THAT SIMPLE--

--DEPOSE A LEADER, HOIST A FLAG, HOLD ELECTIONS.

YOU IMPOSE SELF-RULE ON A NATION THAT'S NEVER HAD IT--

--YOU'RE GOING TO KILL A LOT OF PEOPLE.

A CONVENIENT EXCUSE.

THAT'S MY POINT. I DON'T NEED AN "EXCUSE"--





--I AM
RULER OF
A SOVEREIGN
NATION. NO
MATTER *HOW*
WELL-INTEN-
TIONED--

--YOU
CAN'T
JUST
VIOLATE
THAT.

STOP
IT.
STOP IT
NOW.

OR
WHAT?

OR I'LL
GET
ANGRY.

WHICH
IS WHAT
YOU
WANT.

WAYNE...
WHY ARE
WE
HERE?

IT'S
NOT COM-
PLICATED,
ADAM--

I
DON'T
LIKE
YOU.

I AM
DISGUSTED
TO SERVE
ALONGSIDE
YOU.

THIS
STREET...
STINKING
OF URINE
AND CHEAP
WINE--

--MY
PARENTS
DIED IN
AN ALLEY
JUST LIKE
THIS.

MUR-
DERED
BY SCUM
LIKE
YOU.

GIVE
YOURSELF
ALL THE
TITLES
YOU WANT,
ADAM--

--BUT
YOU KNOW
WHAT YOU
ARE.

A FATHER-
LESS SLAVE
PRETENDING
TO BE
ROYALTY.

A SKID
MARK ON
THE
GLORY OF
EGYPT.

CAN'T
RUN FROM IT,
CAN'T HIDE
FROM IT,
CAN'T FIX
IT.

IN YOUR
MORTAL FORM,
I COULD
CRUSH YOUR
LARYNX--
END
YOU.

B-
BUT...
YOU
WON'T...

...YOU
CAN'T...

K-
KILLING
MEEEE...
WILL
DESTROY
YOUUU...

THEN,
FOR BOTH
OUR
SAKES--

--I
SUGGEST
YOU
SUIT
UP.

THUNDER

KRAAA-KOOOOM!

KAAAPP!

...
--VERY
WELL...

...HAVE
IT
YOUR
WAY.







THE SIEGE OF MEGIDDO OCCURRED IN APRIL OF 1457 B.C.

WHAT... THE BLAZES---?!

YOU WEREN'T EVEN ON EARTH THEN. YOU WERE BANISHED IN THE 24TH CENTURY B.C....



...FLUNG... HELPLESS, LIKE A CHILD, BY THE WIZARD MAMARAGAN.

BY THE TIME YOU FOUND YOUR WAY BACK...

...NEARLY FIVE THOUSAND YEARS HAD PASSED! IN OTHER WORDS---



--YOU'RE A LIAR.

NO THUTMOSE, NO HATSHEPSUT, NO AMENHOTEP.

FOOL--

--THE SWIFTNESS OF HERU IS BEYOND HUMAN CONCEPTION--

--AS ARE THE FOIBLES OF TIME DISTILLATION.

YOU HAVE CLEARLY DONE YOUR RESEARCH, BUT KNOW THIS--



--ADAM IS MYSTERY WITHIN MYSTERY.

HE HAS MARCHED WITH KINGS.

WANDERED THE INKY STARS...

...BIRTHED GODS. AND YOU, YOU HIGHBORN, PAMPERED LOU--



SKRRREITCHH!

--ARE JUST MEAT.

NOW WITHOUT YOUR PROTECTION.

THAT'S FINE--



--I DON'T NEED IT.

AFTER ALL--

--I'M NOT REALLY HERE.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?

OR SHOULDN'T I ASK?

OF COURSE. MORE HEAD GAMES.

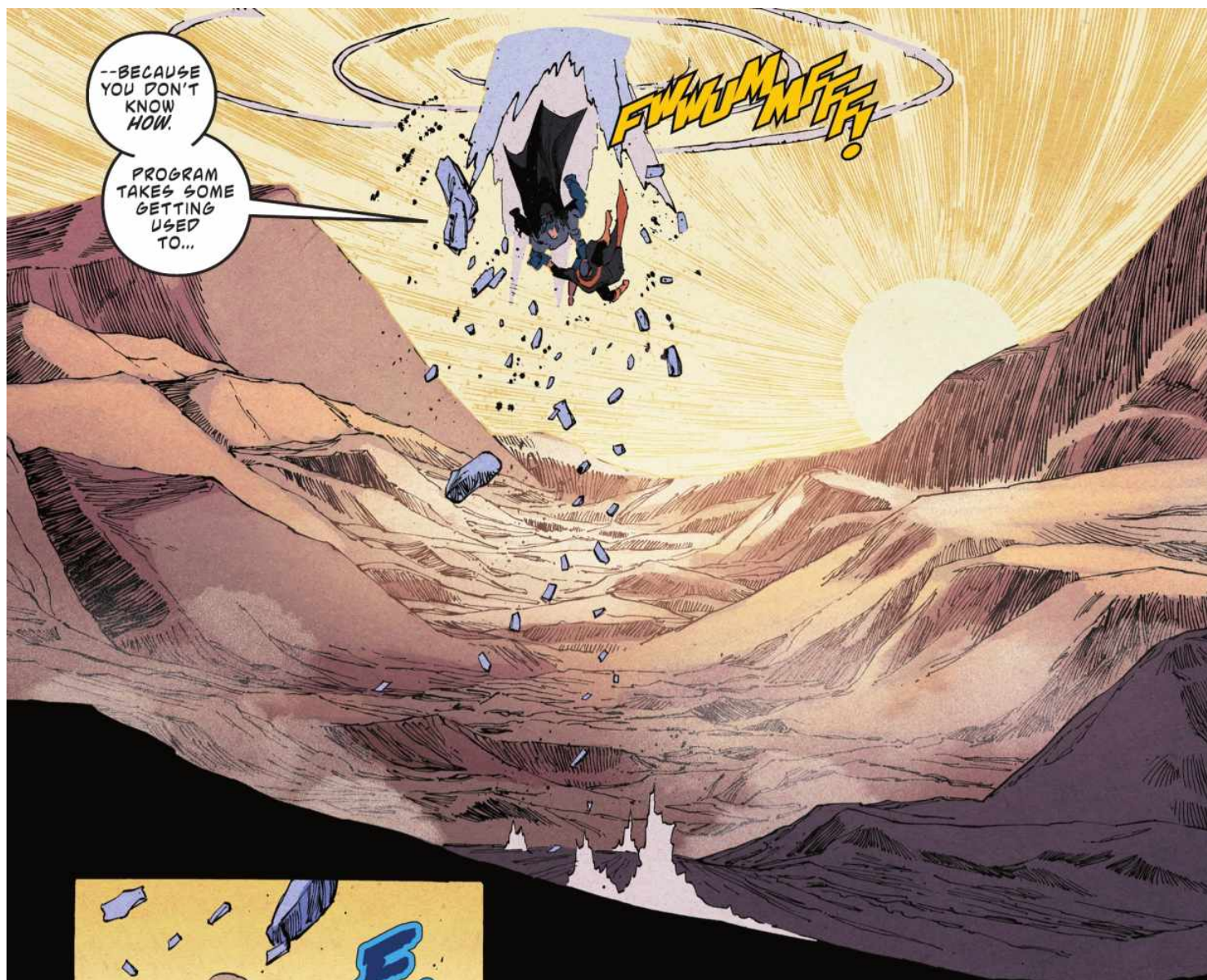
THE AKKAD.

"AKKAD"...?

THIS IS A TRAINING PROGRAM, ADAM.

AMPED UP BY THE TWO JOHNS-- HENRY IRONS AND J'ONZZ.

YOU CAN'T FLY HERE--



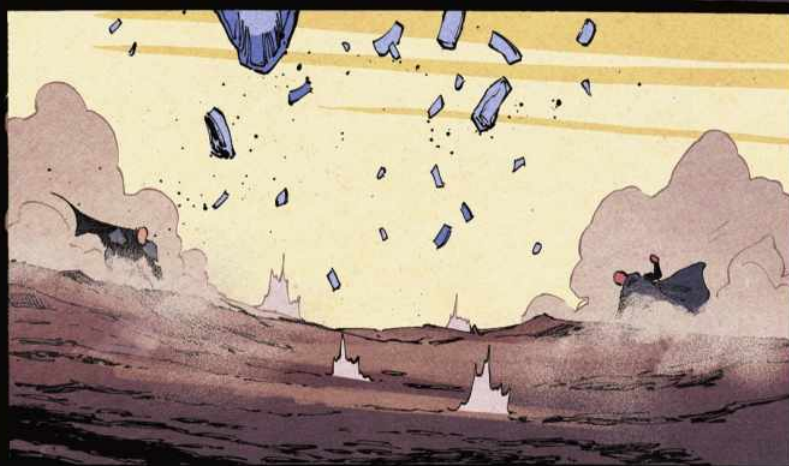
--BECAUSE
YOU DON'T
KNOW
HOW.

PROGRAM
TAKES SOME
GETTING
USED
TO...

FWWUMFF!



FWWUMFF!



WAYNE...

...YOU'RE
CRAZY.

I'VE ALWAYS SUSPECTED IT.

OBSESSED BILLIONAIRE WITH A RODENT FETISH.

DR. SIVANA KEEPS EXTENSIVE RECORDS ON YOU, MOSTLY THEORIES.

YOU WERE BEATEN...

...TORTURED BY SLAVERS. TERRIBLE THINGS DONE TO YOU.

WORSE TO YOUR MOTHER.

AND THEY PAID WITH THEIR LIVES... AND THE LIVES OF THEIR FAMILIES.

WOMEN, CHILDREN, YOU DID TO THEM WHAT HAD BEEN DONE TO YOU.

AVENGE OR REVENGE?

THE POT SAID TO THE KETTLE.

THIS SIMULATION OF YOURS... WHERE ARE THE PEOPLE?

THE "INNOCENTS" YOU'RE ALLEGEDLY PROTECTING?

YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT THEM, YOU NEVER HAVE.

YOUR OBSESSION IS WITH EVIL...

...HOPING THAT, IF YOU STRIKE DOWN ENOUGH OF US, YOU CAN SOMEHOW BUY BACK YOUR SOUL.

DENIAL.

TORRENTIAL RAIN IN ETHIOPIA CAUSED ANNUAL FLOODING IN EGYPT THAT NOURISHED THE GROUND--

AKHET, ADAM.

WHEN THE NILE'S BANKS OVERFLOW, WHEN YOU LOST YOUR FATHER.

WHEN THEY CAME FOR YOU...FOR HER.

I BEG YOUR PARDON?

DENIAL-- A RIVER

THE SEASON

WAYNE...

...I BELIEVE THAT



YOUR FATHER DROWNED.

WHEN HE DIED IN *DEBT*--HIS FAMILY BECAME *SLAVES*.

YOU WERE A CHILD. TOO YOUNG TO ASSUME YOUR FATHER'S RESPONSIBILITIES--

--TOO WEAK TO STOP THEM.

WHICH EXPLAINS YOUR OVER-COMPENSATION... THE SOCIAL CLIMBING...

...ADDICTION TO *APPLAUSE*, BREAKFAST WITH KINGS.

"LORD THEO RAMSES DJOSER TETH-ADAM". OH, PLEASE.

YOUR WHOLE QADDAFI RIFF IS BUILT ON A RIDICULOUS AND CATASTROPHIC LIE.

YOU WERE *DIRT*-- A WHIMPERING COWARD...

...WHO DID NOTHING BUT *WATCH*--

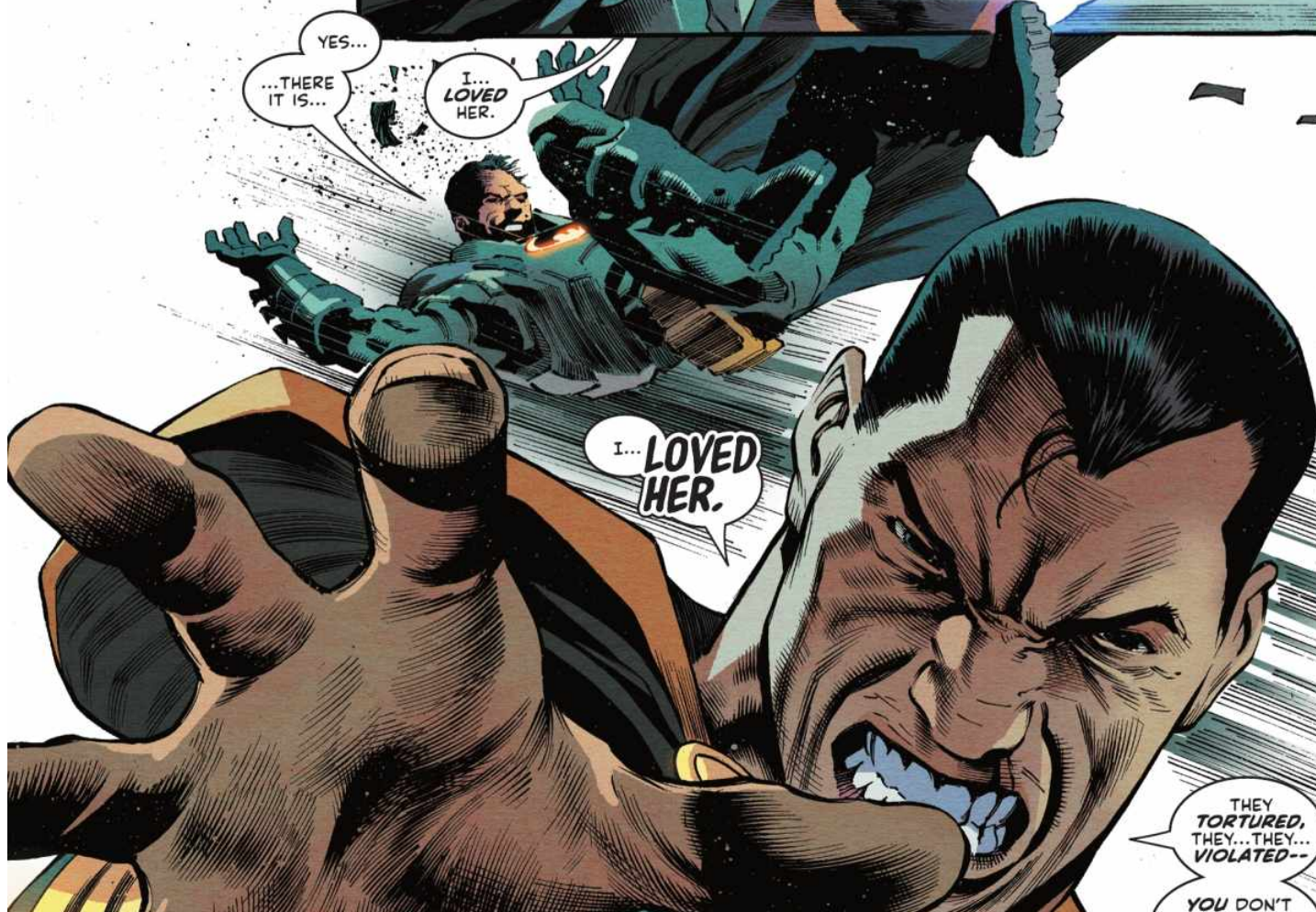


YES...

...THERE IT IS...

I... LOVED HER.

I... LOVED HER.



THEY TORTURED, THEY... THEY... VIOLATED--

YOU DON'T



YES, I WAS
A SLAVE--
FRIGHTENED,
ALONE.

LOW-BORN,
GROVELING FOR
GRUEL. BUT,
NOW...

...I...

...AM...



...ADAM.

HAMMER
OF DJEDKAR.
SCOURGE OF
EDOM--

--WELLSPRING
OF MEHEN, SCION
OF THE NEW
KINGDOM.



AND,
YOU--



--ARE
NOTHING.

M-
MAYBE...
B-BUT,
THIS--



--IS
LIGHTNING
IN A
BOTTLE.

WHAT
ARE
YOU--

CHUURKK--!

AAAAARRGGH!

KRAAAA

KRAAAA

KRAAAA

WHAT--
H-HOW--?

MY
ARMOR,
ADAM.

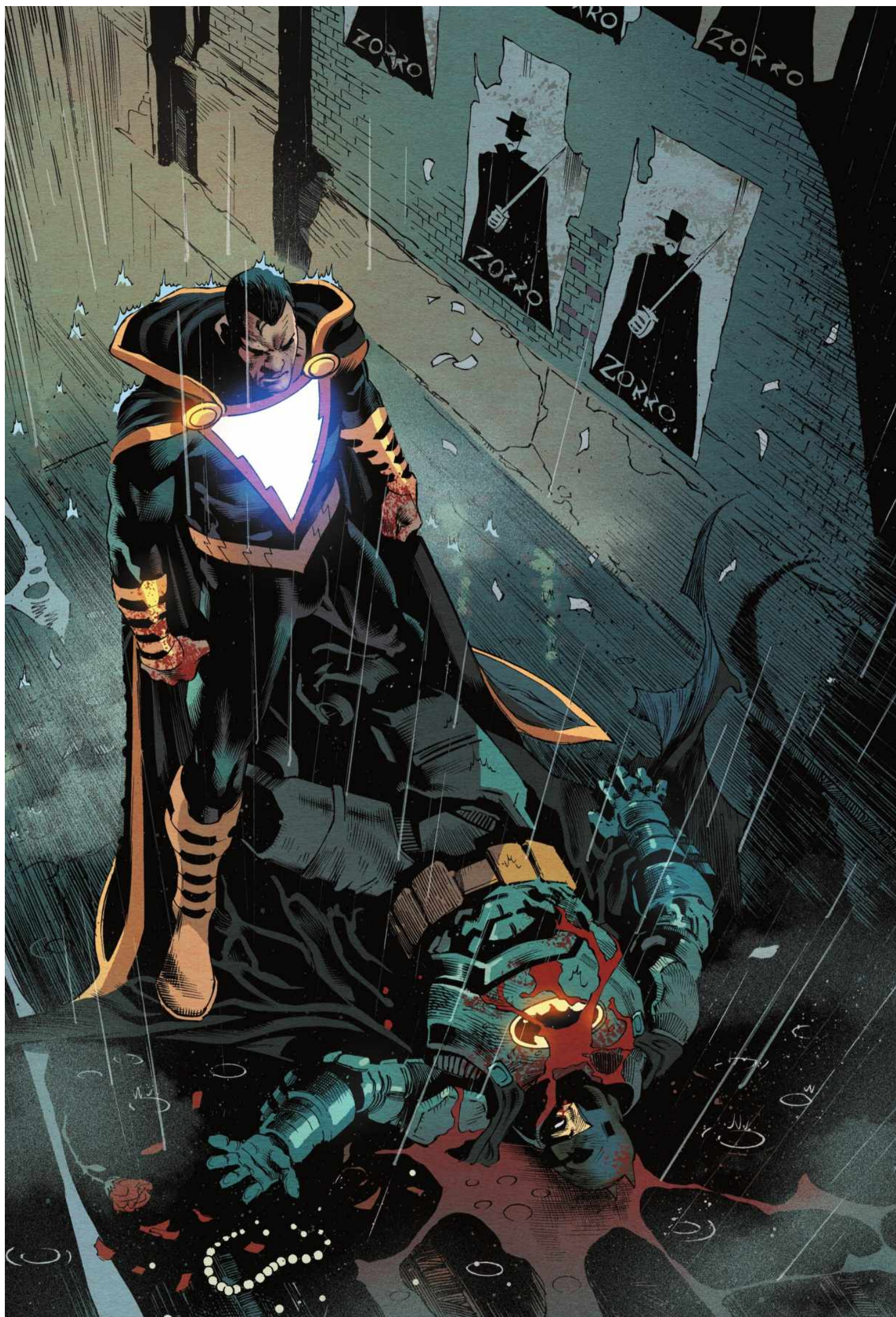
NOT
DESIGNED TO
DISCHARGE
ENERGY--

--BUT TO
COLLECT
IT.

HERE
WE GO.













MY
NAME IS
JAIMÉ REYES.
I SWEAR I HAVE
THIS UNDER
CONTROL.

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**JOSH
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GUTIERREZ**

STUDY. STOP VILLAINS.
SAVE PALMERA CITY. REPEAT.

BLUE BEETLE

GRADUATION DAY



DC NATION SPOTLIGHT ON

BLUE BEETLE

GRADUATION DAY

WRITTEN BY JOSH TRUJILLO
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NAME

My name is Jaime Reyes... sometimes Blue Beetle depending on if you're a super-villain or not.



THAT'S ME!



ALSO ME!

WHO AM I?

Years ago, a mystical sci-fi scarab fell out of the sky and fused itself to my back. **PERMANENTLY.** Ever since, we've been off fighting space invaders, evil wizards, you name it! My parents are sending me to live with my tías Gloria and Marisol for the summer until I figure out what my future is...but when you have a thousand-year-old scarab on your back, it's not just the future you have to worry about, it's the past too.

To the Real World...

JAIME REYES



The family. They love me...so much so that they are sending me away for the summer.

↓ Here ↓



New baddie? Like me but yellow?



I swear I have this under control

DON'T MISS
BLUE BEETLE:
GRADUATION DAY,
ON SALE THIS
NOVEMBER!

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